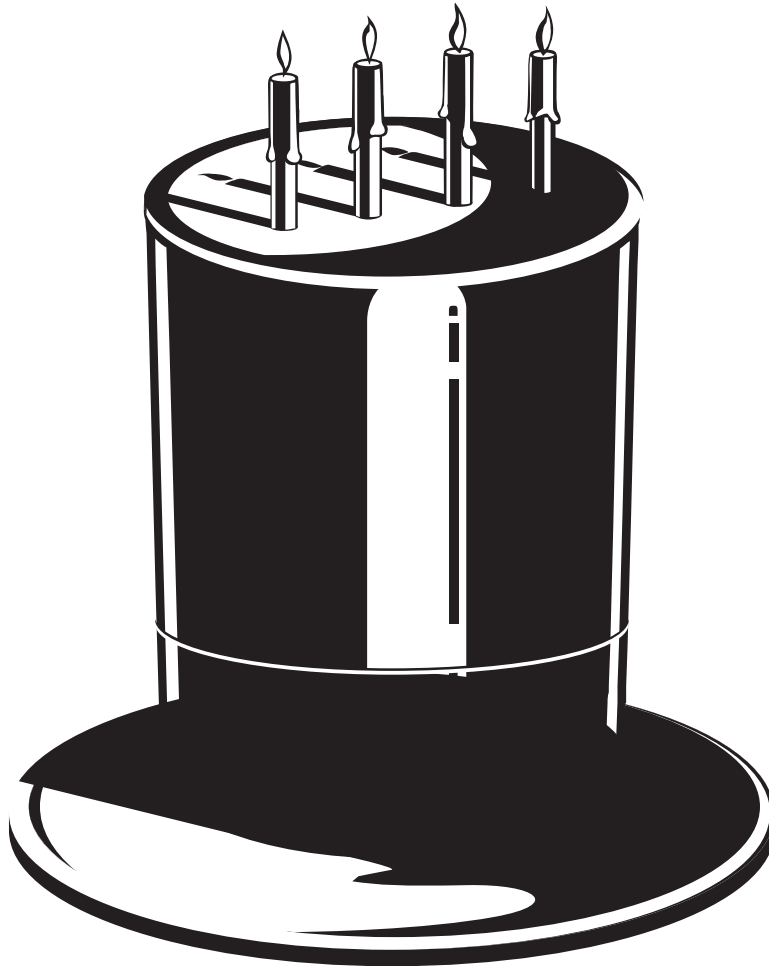


Happy Birthday, Abe! *2004*



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Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration

AUDITORIUM SCHEDULE

Reserved seating is available in Auditorium for families of those serving in the military.

2:45 p.m.	Lincoln Municipal Band
3:45 p.m.	Intermission
4 p.m.	Fritz Klein and Joyce Browning as President Abraham and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln

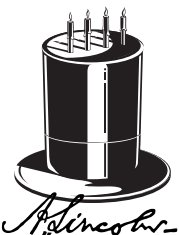
Watch for the airing of the Fritz Klein and Joyce Browning performance on 5 CITY-TV, cable channel 5. For schedule information, visit lincoln.ne.gov .
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SCHEDULE FOR COMMONS AREA

Noon to 6 p.m.	Children's games, toys, and activities; historical exhibits; souvenirs for sale; free apples and Pepsi products; other refreshments for sale.
Noon to 2 p.m.	Dancing with the Smith Family Band
1 and 1:30 p.m.	Story Time with Virginia Opocensky in Theater
2 p.m.	Birthday Ceremony with Mayoral Proclamation, sponsors' remarks, impersonators awards and free birthday cake.
3:45 to 5:45 p.m.	Traditional Music with Chris Sayre

IMPERSONATORS CONTEST

Contestants in the Abe Lincoln Impersonators Contest can register at the information desk from noon to 1:30 p.m. Judging will take place at 1:30 p.m., and contestants should meet at the information desk. Awards will be presented during the 2 p.m. Birthday Ceremony. Gifts will be presented to all contestants, with a special prize for the top impersonator.



JOYCE BROWNING & FRITZ KLEIN



Joyce Browning is from Charleston, West Virginia and has been portraying Mary Todd Lincoln since 1996. She considers it an honor to portray Mrs. Lincoln and believes the First Lady has been unjustly criticized since her days in the White House. Browning's goal is to bring to life the truth about Mary. She is a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters and won the Association's "Outstanding Mary Lincoln Award" for

2002. In 2002, she received the Patriot's Award from the National Heritage Academics, and in 1999, she took the top prize in a portrayals contest at the Lincoln Days Celebration in Hodgenville, Kentucky. She has performed in six states and for both the House of Representatives and the Senate in West Virginia.

Fritz Klein, who performed at this Celebration in 2002, has been portraying President Lincoln since 1976. He is considered by many to be one of the nation's foremost Lincoln actors, appearing in 35 states for film and television, on stage and as a motivational speaker. A professional actor since 1980, he has the same height, weight and physical appearance as Abraham Lincoln, which brings both professionalism and realism to the role. The audience experiences not just Lincoln's look, but also his speech patterns, mannerisms and original words. Klein resides in Springfield, Illinois where he performs for some of the city's 500,000 annual visitors. More information is available at LincolnInstitute.com.

LINCOLN MUNICIPAL BAND



The Lincoln Municipal Band (LMB) is proud to take part in the City of Lincoln's Abraham Lincoln Celebration this year. The LMB was formed more than 90 years ago, making it the oldest professional music organization in the state. The 33-member band also is Nebraska's only

professional wind ensemble. It presents its concerts in a traditional turn-of-the-20th-century concert format. The LMB has traditionally performed new band music in addition to standards. Over the past decade, the band has premiered new compositions and arrangements and has recorded a new work by nationally renowned composer Robert Jager. More information and a schedule of future performances is available at www.artsincorporated.org/lmb/.

SMITH FAMILY BAND

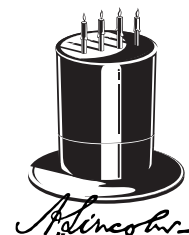


Back for the third year is the Smith Family Band of Hastings parents Pam and Tim and their sons Jeremy and Erik. The family has been performing together since the boys started playing violin in first grade. In addition to playing for Civil War reenactments, the Smiths play bluegrass, gospel, classical, Irish, renaissance, wedding, traditional dance and holiday music. Pam is a Dance Mistress, providing instruction in the old dances. The family has also performed and taught American pioneer songs and dances as Artists-in-Residence in Japan. The band specializes in audience participation and lots of fun for everyone! The Smith Family Band has released a CD entitled "Millennium," a collection of 17 of their favorite selections.

CHRIS SAYRE



Lincoln native Chris Sayre has dedicated more than 25 years to the performance and promotion of traditional and contemporary folk music. He is self-taught on more than a dozen instruments. In addition to performing with several groups, he has performed nationally at more than 1,000 schools and is in his 18th season in the Artists in Schools/Communities Program, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council (NAC). He was recently honored by the NAC for his years of participation. Chris contributed to the soundtracks of two nationally aired PBS documentaries and a third NET documentary. He was honored by Lincoln radio station KZUM as Artist of the Year in 2000 and Folk Artist of the Year in 1999, 2000 and 2001. His group Paddywhack won the KZUM award for World Artists of the Year in 2000, 2001 and 2002, and Chris was the first inductee into the KZUM Hall of Fame. He has earned top honors at the Nebraska State Country Music Championship in Springfield and the Westfair Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Chris has two CDs available "Falcon Rust" and "Whacked Out" with Paddywhack.



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